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PRESENTATION DOCUMENTS

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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Sir:

Appellants request that a Panel Review of the final rejection dated October 31,

2006 be performed in the above identified application.

REMARKS

1.   CLAIMS 1-4, 6-14 AND 16-21 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) AS BEING

UNPATENTABLE OVER U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATION NO. 20050152234 BY

ESTRADA ET AL. (ESTRADA) IN VIEW OF DZSOFT, TURN POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

INTO STAND ALONE SLIDE SHOWS

A.   Claim 1 as originally filed recites:

> A system for converting slide show presentations for use within non-presentation applications, the system comprising:
> a slide show produced by a slide show presentation application and stored in a native format; and,
> a slide show conversion process configured for coupling to a non-presentation application and programmed both to extract contextual data <u>from said slide show in its native format</u>, and also to convert associated slides in said slide show to raster imagery for use in said non-presentation application.

The second limitation of Claim 1 expressly requires the extraction of contextual data from a slide show in its native format.

B.   The DZSoft reference, page 1 center teaches the renaming of slide JPEG files (JPEGS are known to all skilled in the art as "raster images"). The renaming of DZSoft is performed so as to properly alphabetically order the slide files prior to converting the raster imagery of each file into a "DzSoft Slide Show", e.g. from Slide1.jpg, Slide2.jpg etc. to Slide01.jpg, Slide02.jpg. <u>Nowhere</u> in the DZSoft reference is it shown that ANY data is extracted from a slide show in its native format. In fact, as it is well known, it is impossible to rename a file if the file is open for editing rendering it impossible to extract content from the JPEG files while concurrently renaming those JPEG files as taught in page 1 center of the DZSoft reference.

C.   Therefore, despite the Examiner's assertions that "DzSoft teaches that the slide

titles are extracted in the export from PowerPoint to DzSoft", this clearly is not the case.

Accordingly, the DzSoft does not teach this limitation and the Examiner has not

established a prima facie case of obviousness in consequence.

2.   **CLAIMS 5, 15 AND 22 HAVE BEEN REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) AS BEING**

UNPATENTABLE OVER ESTRADA IN VIEW OF DZSOFT AND FURTHER IN VIEW OF U.S.

PATENT NO. 6,108,696 TO MENDHEKAR E TAL. (MENDHEKAR).

A.   Claims 5 (and comparably Claim 16) as originally filed recites:

> A method for converting a slide show presentation for use within a non-presentation application, the method comprising the steps of:
> extracting a slide title for a first slide in the slide show presentation;
> converting said first slide into a raster image;
> disposing both said slide title and said raster image in a markup language document; and,
> repeating said extracting, converting and disposing steps for a selected group of other slides in the slide show presentation.

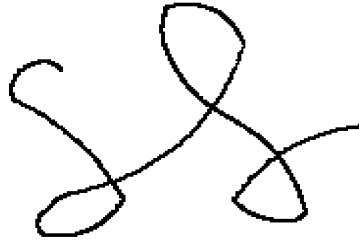In both Claims 5 and 16, a "slide title" must be extracted from a slide.

B.   The Examiner again refers to DZSoft page 1 center in support of the misguided

statement that DZSoft teaches extracting a title from a slide. In fact, as a plain reading of

DZSoft page 1 will reveal, _file_ names for JPEG raster images are renamed before

processing the JPEG raster images into a DZSoft slide show. (Again, everyone knows

that JPEG files are raster images).

C.   No where in DZSoft is it ever shown that "slide titles" (and not file names) are

extracted for a slide. To that point, there is no discussion in DZSoft page 1 center of

"slide titles" simply because there is no teaching of "opening" the JPEG _files_ to

manipulate the contents of the JPEG <u>files</u>. Moreover, as noted before, it is physically not possible to change the name of a file while maintaining the same file open in order to permit the extraction of data. Therefore, again the Examiner has failed to establish a prima facie case of obviousness.

As this Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeals Conference Request has been filed within the three month shortened statutory period, neither a petition for an extension of time nor a corresponding petition fee is required. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 12-2158, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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